

PRESS RELEASE

Repairs to Lovettsville Sewer Collection System have begun

You may notice trucks and backhoes at various locations around Town completing repairs to the Sewer System.

December 30, 2009: The Town of Lovettsville has awarded three contracts to three different specialty contractors to make much needed repairs to the Town's sewer collection system. This work began December 28, 2009 and will continue for 3 or more months.

Residents will notice trucks, backhoes and workers stationed at various manholes throughout Town during this time. Work will include excavation to replace 11 manholes and approximately 10 laterals which will involve the use of a track backhoe and dump trucks. Additional work will involve the rehabilitation of 300 manholes and 3020 feet of sewer lines through the installation of lining materials. Although the rehabilitation work will not involve excavation, there will be trucks using the sewer line easements to gain access to the manholes.

The sewer lining will be completed by Pleasants Construction, Inc from Clarksburg, MD. The manhole rehabilitation will be completed by D&S Contractors from Ashland, VA. The manhole replacement will be completed by Heritage Site Development from Purcellville, VA. Representatives from Olver, Inc. (the design engineer) will be ensuring appropriate construction practices through periodic inspections. Work on manholes in the roadways may cause lane shifts or one way traffic but is not expected to cause any road closures.]

The contractors have been asked to notify homeowners of work within their yard and are to remain within the sewer easements. They are required to return areas within the easements as required by the easements.

Any questions or concerns about the I&I work can be directed to the Lovettsville Town Office at (540) 822-5788 or via email at kfellers@lovettsvilleva.gov.

More information about the I&I work Below:

This work is intended to correct the inflow and infiltration into the sewer system that occurs during rainfall events. Last fall and winter, the Town experienced several high flow events that affected the Waste Water Treatment Plant treatment effectiveness. The Department of Environmental Quality has requested the cooperation of the Town through a Special Order of Consent to correct the problems so as to improve treatment performance to acceptable limits. The Town hired Olver Incorporated, to evaluate the system and develop an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Action Plan to identify specific repairs and/or replacement needed to the collection system targeted to reduce the rainwater that can enter the collection system.

The I&I Action Plan (Plan) completed in the spring of 2009 recommended a Phased approach for corrections. Phase I involves lining 3,020 feet of sewer line, rehabilitation to approximately 300 manholes and replacement of 11 manholes. This is the work that has just begun. Upon completion of the Phase I repairs, the Town will evaluate the effectiveness of the repairs by monitoring flows to the wastewater plant during rainfall events. It is hoped that flows will have dropped dramatically so that Phase II repairs identified in the I&I Action Plan can be deferred until such time as high flows become an issue to treatment at the wastewater plant.

The Town has obtained a State Revolving Loan from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the engineering and construction costs to complete Phase I of the I&I Action Plan. This funding source offers some of the lowest interest rates and fees available for this type of work.

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